

OFFICIAL WARNING



VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

IL 130002

VIOLATOR

Customer # 321126
Certificate # 33-C-0385
Gary Horton & Lori Stietz
Friendly Lakeside Critters

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

3403 East Lake Road #2
Apple River, IL 61001

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **September 4, 2012** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

3.56 (a)(I)

- Primary enclosures shall be kept reasonably free of excreta, hair, cobwebs and other debris by periodic cleaning.

(**Excessive feces and fur are present in and under several of the rabbit enclosures. Compacted feces present on the floor of both hiding areas in the newer hutch. Excessive compacted feces and fur are present in white hutch.

**The floor and walls of small shed containing eleven rabbits and several caged birds is littered with feathers, bird dander, rabbit fur and spider webs.)

3.125 (a)

- Construct facility of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. Indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

(**Several sharp stray wires are protruding into the sheep and goat enclosures. An area of fence along the southwest side of the enclosure housing two sheep has been damaged and approximately three feet tall.

**Shelter with the three largest goats is in disrepair with several sharp points are protruding from the enclosure's sheet metal.)

1.131 (a)

- Remove excreta from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained, minimize disease hazards and reduce odors.

(Excessive feces continues to cover the front portion of the cow and llama and donkey pens.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

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